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LB 306

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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...later on.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. Once again, LB 306 is a bill that Warner...that Senator Warner said has to be part of the property tax solution. It was his view that governmental entities need to work together so that, in areas where they're going to be building buildings, mainly that was his concern. And the Revenue Committee thought that...we didn't want to have another CON, like we currently just voted down in this body, but we wanted to have a commission out there to oversee so that the entities would work together and make sure that everybody talked to each other, so that you had the counties and the cities, the schools, talking to each other if you're going to build any, any major buildings. The amendment states that it will be called the Capital Construction Review Commission. Now, this section that we're on currently is probably the most important part of the bill, the most vital part of the bill, because without this commission you have no one in there to oversee the 12 cents or the other whatever happens. In this...in the section that we passed earlier, there was \$800,000 that went to second class cities. We talked about this yesterday afternoon, and also \$100,000 that goes to grants to restructure county government. That's all was in the part that we approved yesterday. Now if we're going to come back and take out this part of the actual bill, the Revenue Committee's view is that we're probably going to pass over the bill and not even do the bill because it defeats the purpose of the whole thing. You can't have one section without the other. You're either going to have to have the whole section, otherwise the whole bill is not really, really needed. Now we are trying to work out some compromises. How that's going to work out, we don't know. We're meeting with different people. But at the present time, the Revenue Committee does want to have the entire package, otherwise we don't want the bill, and we're willing to